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INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 8th August, 2017

No. IPRD.18/2014/53.- In partial modification of earlier Notification No. IPRD.18/2014/36 dated 16/01/2017, the Governor of Assam is pleased to institute a new scheme for the welfare of journalist in the form of retirement benefits to Journalists working in Assam with the following provisions:

1. The scheme shall be called "The Assam Pension Scheme for Journalists".
2. Eligibility:
 - He/ She has attained 60 (sixty) years of age and has retired from the job of a journalist/photo journalist/correspondent/camera person (news).
 - He/ She must be domicile of Assam and must have served as journalist in Assam for not less than 20 (twenty) years preceding his/her date of retirement.
 - He/ She must be a journalist as defined under Working Journalist Act, 1995. Preference will be given those who were issued Recognition/Accreditation Card by the Director of Information & Public Relations, Government of Assam. He/she must not be drawing any pension from any other source except under the Employees Provident Fund.
 - The rate of pension is Rs. 8,000/- (Rupees eight thousand) per month, subject to enhancement in future with prior approval of Finance Department.
 - Pension shall ordinarily be valid till the lifetime of the recipient. Benefit of pension may be extended to the widow/widower/minor Children of the journalist @ 50% of the pension after his/her demise. In case of physically/Mentally challenged/disabled children(with more than 40% disability), they will continue to get pension @ 50% till the time they do not get employment.

- The number of pensioners shall be 20 (twenty) for the initial year, with 10 (ten) pensioners to be added every year.
- The Proprietor, Proprietor-cum-Editor, Manager-cum-Editor and those whose nature of job is not related to working journalist will not be eligible for the Scheme.
- A Government Servant shall not eligible for Journalist Pension. One person shall not get more than one Pension out of Pensions for Journalist/Literature/Sports persons.
- The pensioner would have to submit a Life Certificate in the month of November every year.

(i) Award for pension will be recommended by the Selection Committee consisting of the following members:

➢ The Senior most Secretary, IPRD	- Chairman
➢ DIPR, Assam	- Member Secretary
➢ Deputy Secretary, IPRD	- Member
➢ Sr. Financial Adviser & Branch Officer	- Member

The Representative of the following organization will be present as Member.

- Electronic Media Forum
- Assam Photo Journalist Association
- Assam Press Correspondent Union
- Assam Union of Working Journalists
- Journalist Union of Assam

(ii) The Scheme will be implemented through the Director, Information & Public Relations, Assam

(iii) The Scheme will come into force w.e.f. 01/04/2017

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